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GOOD MORNING CHAIRMAN SINRUD AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE.

BETTE HALL-MUNGER, EXEC. DIR HMHB, MISSION STATEMENT

MY BACKGROUND

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MY PLEASURE TO STAND BEFORE YOU TODAY AS A
**PROONENT OF HB 608 – THE REQUEST FOR A 1-TIME,
\$1 MILLION APPROPRIATION TO THE CHILDREN’S
TRUST FUND ENDOWMENT ESTABLISHED BY LAW
AND FOUND AT 52-7-105, MCA.**

MY REMARKS TODAY WILL BRIEFLY FOCUS ON:

- PREVENTION, WHAT IT MEANS, WHY NOW?
- STRUCTURE OF THE CHILDREN’S TRUST FUND
- PURPOSE OF THE GRANTS
- STATEWIDE PROGRAMMING
- VISION FOR THE FUTURE

PREVENTION, WHAT IT MEANS

PRIMARY – BEFORE ANYTHING HAPPENS
PSA’S, PARENT ED OPEN TO GENERAL PUBLIC

SECONDARY - KEEPING AN INCIDENT FROM
HAPPENING, TARGET AUDIENCE IS HIGH-RISK FAMILIES,
I.E., PARENT ED FOR TEENS, RESPITE FOR SPECIAL NEEDS,
FAMILY RESOURCE CENTERS WHO PROVIDE RESPITE, ETC



Montana's
**SAFE
KIDS**
Campaign

Projects of Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies, The Montana Coalition



montana
**covering kids
& families**

**TERCIARY – INCIDENT HAS ALREADY OCCURRED GOAL
OF PREVENTING FURTHER INDICENTS**

**PRIMARY PREVENTION IS BY FAR THE LEAST
EXPENSIVE AND MOST EFFECTIVE WAY OF SOLVING
A WIDE RANGE OF SOCIAL PROBLEMS, INCLUDING
CHILD ABUSE AND/OR NEGLECT. YOU WILL HEAR
MORE ABOUT THAT LATER.**

LEGISLATIVE FORUMS

17 COMMUNITIES
500 PEOPLE, INCLUDING LEGISLATORS
BROAD RANGE OF COMMUNITY CONCERNS
ALWAYS CAME BACK TO SOCIAL SERVICES, LACK
THEREOF, ETC.

STRUCTURE OF THE CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND

- 7-MEMBER, GOVERNOR-APPT BOARD
- QUASI-PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP
- LEAD AGENCY DESIGNATED BY THE GOVERNOR
- DEVELOPS PRIORITIES FOR FUNDED SERVICES,
ACTIVITIES AND CRITERIA FOR LOCAL PROGRAMS
THROUGH AN ANNUAL RFP PROCESS
- A TECHNICAL ASSISTANT CONTRACTOR WHO
PROVIDES ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT TO THE
BOARD AND PROGRAMS – PRESENTLY HMHB
- FUNDING CONSISTS OF THE COMMUNITY-BASED
CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT GRANT OF
APPROXIMATELY \$200,000 BASED ON POP OF

CHILDREN UNDER 18 IN STATE, PRESENTLY 208,000 CHILDREN.

- STATE SPECIAL REVENUE CONSISTING OF THE INCOME TAX CHECK-OFF, APPROX \$25,000 ANNUALLY; AND
- FIVE DOLLARS FOR EVERY DIVORCE FILED STATEWIDE, APPROXIMATELY \$25,000 ANNUALLY
- TOTAL BUDGET OF \$250,000 RARELY SEE THIS AMOUNT ANNUALLY AS REVENUES VARY WIDELY

PURPOSE OF THE GRANTS

THE TARGET AUDIENCE ARE THOSE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WHO DO NOT HAVE AN OPEN CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES CASE. AND THE SERVICES MUST BE VOLUNTARY.

TO PROVIDE SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES THAT PROVIDE PROTECTIVE FACTORS FOR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES, THAT WHEN PRESENT, INCREASE THE SAFETY, HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.

THE MOST IMPORTANT OF THESE PROTECTIVE FACTORS ARE:

- NUTURING AND ATTACHMENT
- KNOWLEDGE OF PARENTING OF CHILD AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
- PARENTAL RESILIENCE
- SOCIAL CONNECTIONS
- SUPPORT FOR PARENTS
- HOME VISITING

PROGRAMS MUST BE:

- FAMILY-CENTERED
- COMMUNITY-BASED
- CULTURALLY SENSITIVE
- START EARLY
- DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE
- PARENT LEADERSHIP FOCUSED/PARTICIPATE WITH STAFF
- PROVIDE EMPOWERMENT; AND

FOCUSED ON BEST PRACTICES:

- FLEXIBLE AND RESPONSIVE
- PARTNERSHIP APPROACH
- LINK WITH FORMAL AND INFORMAL SUPPORTS
- UNIVERSALLY ACCEPTABLE AND VOLUNTARY
- COMPREHENSIVE
- EASILY ACCESSIBLE
- LONG-TERM WITH ADEQUATE INTENSITY

MONTANA PROGRAMS ARE COVERING THESE AND MORE

STATEWIDE PROGRAMMING

- ELABORATE ON A FEW STATEWIDE EXAMPLES

I AM PROUD TO SAY THAT OUR PROGRAMS ARE BOTH CONCEPTUALLY SOUND, AND THEY ARE AND THEY ARE EVIDENCED-BASED

VISION FOR THE FUTURE

- AGAIN, WHY NOW?

- **WORK CLOSELY WITH CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES; NOT IN COMPETITION**

CLOSE

“WE BELIEVE THAT FAMILIES – ALL FAMILIES – ARE THE NATION’S GREATEST ASSET, AND THAT

**INVESTMENTS MADE IN FAMILIES AND CHILDREN BECOME ASSETS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF SAFE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES;
OUR CHILDREN ARE THE MESSENGERS SENT INTO THE FUTURE – A FUTURE WE CANNOT IMAGINE OR SEE, AND AS SUCH, THEY ARE OUR LEGACY AND OUR FULL RESPONSIBILITY.**

EACH OF US CAN MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO THE FUTURE GENERATIONS OF ALL CHILDREN.”

Taken from Standards for Prevention Programs: Building Success through Family Support

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME TODAY.

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52-7-101. Child abuse and neglect prevention program. (1) The Montana children's trust fund board, provided [2-15-2214](#), shall use the money in the children's trust fund account established by [52-7-102](#) and the interest from the endowment established by [52-7-105](#) to fund services and activities related to a broad range of child abuse and neglect prevention activities and family resource programs operated by nonprofit or public community-based educational and service organizations.

(2) In administering the child abuse and neglect prevention program, the board shall:

- (a) develop a state plan, priorities for funded services and activities, and criteria for the receipt of program funds;
- (b) monitor the expenditure of funds by organizations receiving funds under this section;
- (c) evaluate the effectiveness of services and activities funded under this section; and
- (d) adopt rules necessary to implement [52-7-103](#), [52-7-104](#), and this section.

History: En. Sec. 3, Ch. 610, L. 1985; amd. Sec. 1, Ch. 405, L. 1997; Sec. , MCA 1999; redes. by Sec. 17(3)(c), Ch. 281, L. 2001.

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52-7-102. Children's trust fund account -- nonsupplantation of funds. (1) There is a children's trust fund account in the state special revenue fund in the state treasury. The money in the account is allocated to the Montana children's trust fund board, provided for in 2-15-2214, for funding services and activities under and payment of administrative cost of the child abuse and neglect prevention program provided for in 52-7-101.

(2) Funds deposited in the children's trust fund account may be used only for the program authorized in 52-7-101 and may not be used to pay the expenses of any other program or service administered in whole or in part by the department of public health and human services.

History: (1)En. Sec. 1, Ch. 610, L. 1985; (2)En. Sec. 6, Ch. 610, L. 1985; amd. Sec. 11, Ch. 609, L. 1987; amd. Sec. 171, Ch. 546, L. 1999; MCA 1999; reds. by Sec. 17(3)(c), Ch. 281, L. 2001.

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52-7-104. Program costs. The costs incurred by the Montana children's trust fund board in administering the child abuse and neglect prevention program must be paid for with money from the children's trust fund account established by [52-7-102](#). The board shall keep costs to a minimum and use existing office space, personnel, equipment, and supplies from the department of public health and human services to the extent possible.

History: En. Sec. 5, Ch. 610, L. 1985; amd. Sec. 11, Ch. 609, L. 1987; amd. Sec. 172, Ch. 546, L. 1995; Sec. , MCA 1999; red. by S. 3(c), Ch. 281, L. 2001.

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52-7-105. Endowment for children. (1) There is within the permanent fund type an endowment for children. The endowment is not subject to appropriation. The purpose of the endowment is to provide a permanent source of funds to support the programs and services referred to in 52-7-101.

(2) The endowment may receive funds from:

(a) appropriations;

(b) gifts, grants, and donations, from public or private sources; and

(c) other money credited or transferred to the endowment from any other fund or source.

(3) The state treasurer must receive and shall deposit money in the endowment. The board of investments shall invest the money in the endowment. Only the interest generated by the endowment is available for expenditure by the board.

History: En. Sec. 3, Ch. 405, L. 1997; amd. Sec. 1, Ch. 356, L. 1999; amd. Sec. 21, Ch. 34, L. 2001; Sec. , MCA 1999; redes. by Sec. 17(c), Ch. 281, L. 2001.

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52-7-103. Gifts and grants to program.

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52-7-103. Gifts and grants to program. The Montana children's trust fund board may accept contributions, gifts, in money or otherwise, to the child abuse and neglect prevention program. Monetary gifts, contributions, and grants earmarked for the endowment for children must be paid into the endowment established by 52-7-105.

History: En. Sec. 4, Ch. 610, L. 1985; amd. Sec. 2, Ch. 405, L. 1997; Sec. , MCA 1999; redes. by Sec. 17(3)(c), Ch. 281, L. 2001.

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MONTANA CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND

FACT SHEET

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- Enabling federal legislation is The Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, 42 USC 5116, Sec. 201. Title II, Sec. 201 provides for the Community-based Grants for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect.
- Purpose of grants are to support community-based efforts to develop, operate, expand, and enhance community-based, and prevention-focused programs designed to strengthen and support families to prevent child abuse and/or neglect that are accessible, effective, voluntary, culturally appropriate, to include among other things:
 - ❖ Offer assistance to families;
 - ❖ Provide early, comprehensive support for parents;
 - ❖ Promote development of parenting skills, especially in young parents and parents of very young children;
 - ❖ Increase family stability;
 - ❖ Improve family access to formal and informal resources within communities;
 - ❖ Support added needs of families with children who have disabilities through respite care and other services;
- Montana receives approximately \$179,000 annually from the Community-based Child Abuse Prevention grant. The dollars are allocated nationwide based upon the population of children under age 18 residing in the state;
- The state must provide up to 20% matching funds. Montana provides approximately \$50,000 annually at the state level through a state special revenue account made up of \$5.00 from every divorce filing and contributions from the state income tax check-off found on the annual tax form.
- A lead agency must be designated. Montana's lead agency is the Children's Trust Fund Board acting as a quasi-public entity. The board is allocated to the Department of Public Health and Human Services for administrative purposes only.
- The Board meets on a quarterly basis and is actively involved in selecting and funding local, non-profit agencies that include both Family Resource Centers and local, innovative programs that provide family support and prevention services.

- In March of each year, the board issues an RFP statewide to those entities who can provide core services which are arranged for through contracts between the board and local providers. Contracts are issued by July 1st, and the program is managed on a state fiscal year.
- In state fiscal year 2007, the Board awarded \$225,117 in contracts statewide, with an average contract of approximately \$15,000. We have 14 programs statewide.
- Technical Assistance may be provided through a private contractor to assist the board and programs in carrying out their duties. Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies, *The Montana Coalition*, is acting as the Technical Assistant during sfy 07 and has a \$28,000 contract to carry out its duties.
- In addition to programming and technical assistance, the board may allocate funding to support training, evaluation and public awareness.
- There are approximately 1,800 children in out-of-home placement in Montana.
- Caseloads are increasingly complicated due to the devastation of increased meth use.
- The trust fund serves between 1,000 and 1,200 children and approximately 1,500 and 2,000 families annually.
- We need to expand our programming and reach out to more children and families in Montana to try to prevent placements and keep children and families together.

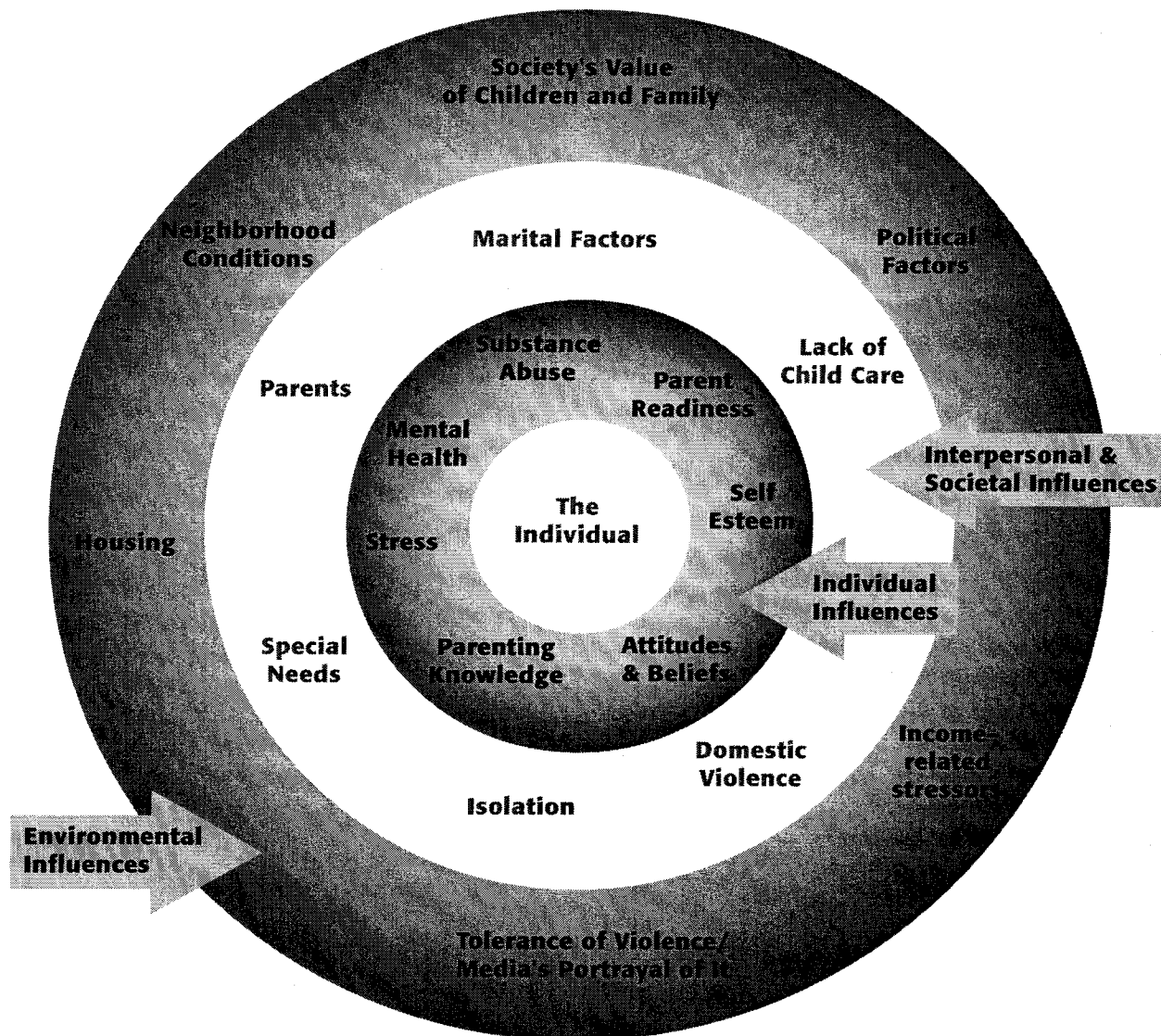
MONTANA CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND SFY 2007 PROGRAMS

Program	Services	Contract Amount
Anaconda PCA Family Resource Ctr	"Parents Share", a support group for expectant mothers, young parents, single moms, with children 5 and under who are at-risk for child abuse and/or neglect.	\$10,000
Confederated Salish-Kooteni, Pablo	"Strengthening Families Program", a parent education program using "Parents as Teachers" curriculum. Developing the Mountain Haven Family Resource Center for additional family resources.	10,000
Dawson County Health Dept, Glendive	Dawson Cty Parent Resource Center. We are helping to fund parent support activities located in the center, including parent ed classes. We provide funding for Nurturing Dads Program, a parent-ed program at the Dawson Cty Correctional facility.	12,660
The Family Tree Center, Billings	Parent education using "Nurturing Parenting Program", respite program, and a literacy program.	15,000
Florence Crittenton Home, Helena	"Roots and Wings", a bonding and attachment video-based, parenting techniques program for young moms and babies.	15,000
Fort Belknap Agency, Harlem	Providing start-up funding to organize parent education and child abuse and neglect resources to families enrolled in the Head Start Programs.	10,000
Hardin Public Schools	Provides parent education using two methods: 1) the "Sacred Hoop" a curriculum for American Indian parents, and 2) the "Nurturing Parenting Program"	15,000
The Parenting Place, Missoula	A Missoula Pre-release parent ed program, home visiting (families of incarcerated), mentoring, and respite. Replicating program is a goal.	15,000
Polson School District, Polson	In-home and school-based parent education using "Parents as First Teachers" curriculum	15,000
Richland Cty Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Sidney	Provides parent ed to families who have experienced domestic violence.	9,457
Sanders County Coalition for Families, Thompson Falls	Targets families that have experienced domestic violence, using "Nurturing Parents" curriculum. They provide in-home services, respite and resource & referral.	23,000
Sunburst Community Services Foundation, Eureka	Funding parent support groups, coaching, in-home support, family and child activities, transportation, resource & referral, and staff for	30,000

	hotline.	
Thrive, Bozeman	Established a Family Resource Center in 2006 and are funding parenting classes, support groups, lending library, resource & referral, "Dynamite Dads" program.	30,000
YWCA, Great Falls	Uses "Parents as Teachers" curriculum for at-risk families.	15,000
TOTAL		\$225,117.00

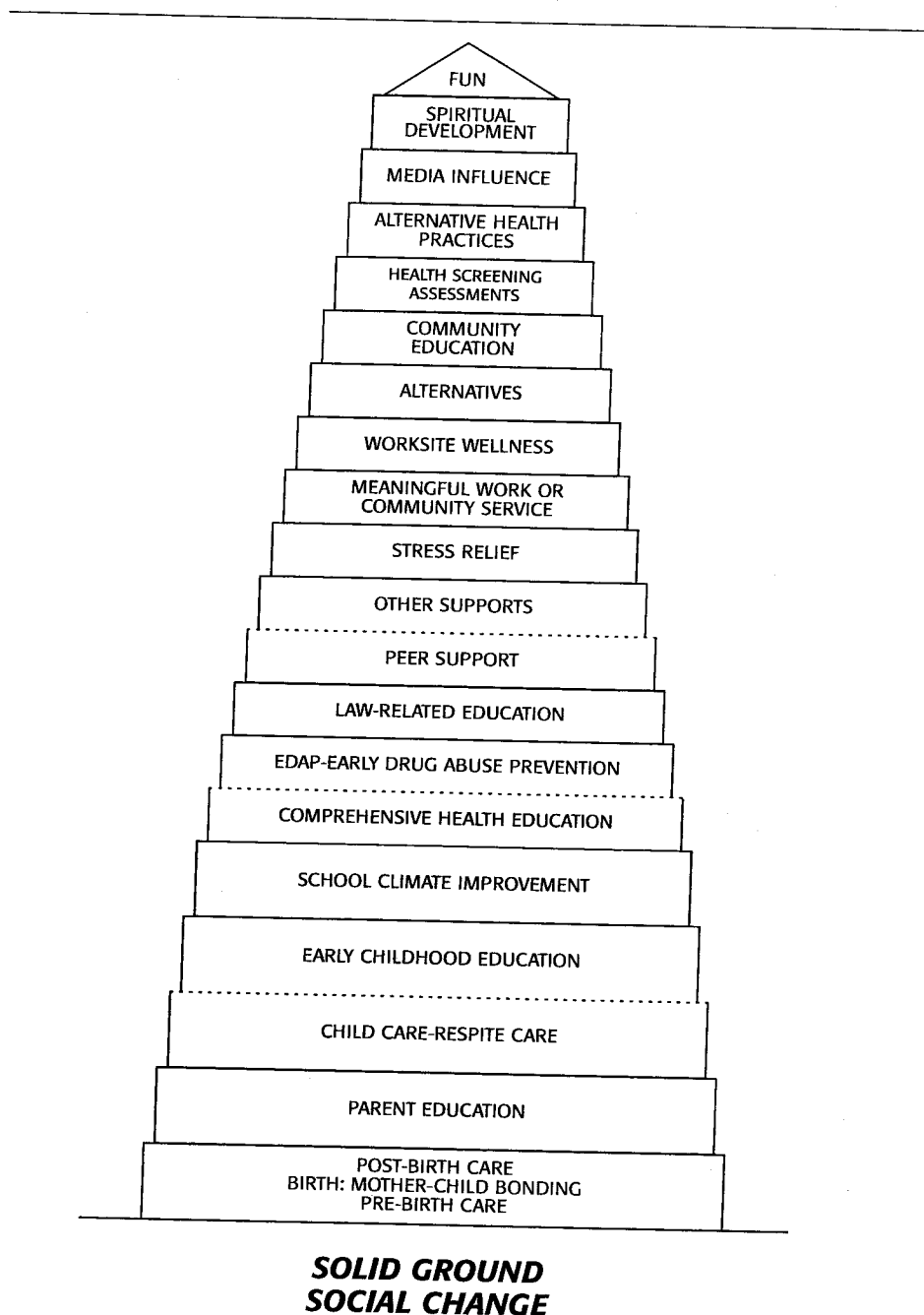
Factors Influencing the Occurrence of Child Abuse and Neglect

Figure 1



Source: Copeland, S. *Prevention: Has its time come to the field of child protection services?* NJ Advisor (The American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children-New Jersey Chapter Newsletter), Fall 1998, Volume 3, No. 2, pp 3-8.

Primary Prevention Pyramid



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